

THAT 'POSSUM SUPPER.

Six Thousand Dollar
Syndicate Planned

To Corner the Local Commercial
Drift of the Colored People

J. C. JACKSON, PROMOTER

A New Newspaper, Shoe Store
Clothing Store, Grocery, Dry
Goods and Notions all
Anticipated

Permanent Organization Hastily
Effected—All the Official Places
Filled—Price of Shares, Rules
and Regulations to Be Submitted
Later

THE STANDARD, together
with more than one hundred
other invited guests, enjoyed
the hospitality of Mr. J. C.
Jackson in the form of a 'possum
supper, given at the U. B.
F. Hall on Thursday night, De-
cember 7th.

Mr. Jackson has the reputa-
tion of being the greatest enter-
tainer along this line in Lex-
ington, and the spread upon
this occasion fully sustained
that view.

But "after the supper he took
the platform," and from up his
magic sleeve let fall a fully-
developed plan to organize
what has been styled the Lex-
ington Co-operative Com-
mercial Association, with a capital
stock of not less than six thou-
sand dollars, for the purpose
of operating numerous business
lines, among which were men-
tioned a newspaper, clothing
store, shoe store, grocery, etc.

A permanent organization
was asked for at once, and all
official places have been filled.
Quite a number were dumb-
founded at what seemed to be
snap judgment taken. How-
ever, a large number danced to
the music, and perhaps fifty
per cent. of those present en-
rolled.

Now since we have escaped
the volumes of cigar smoke
and emerged to the open air
again, the whole affair is given
for discussion.

In view of the fact that no
rules or regulations have been
submitted, and the price of
shares has not been definitely
announced, the organization
has not as yet reached the
point where sane and fair dis-
cussion might be considered
"knocking."

The STANDARD, with a host
of others, can clearly see that
the time is ripe and has never
been more auspicious than now
for the colored people here in
Lexington to undertake and
succeed in a commercial way.

The backbone of the appar-
ent feuds that have long ex-
isted has been broken, and the agi-
tators and promoters of dissen-
sion have found other employ-
ment. Consequently the ques-
tions come, Why not go for-
ward? what is to hinder?

Mr. Jackson, too, is one of the
watchmen on the walls who
sizes up the situation nicely,
but we don't mean for him, or
any small coterie of individuals,
to capture all these good things,
and turn their benefits to pri-
vate ends and personal promo-
tions of any favored few.

The writer believes and it is
his opinion that the social fea-
ture of Mr. Jackson's meeting
was good and ought to be con-
tinued from time to time, and
the people thus held together;
that this move should be con-
tinued as a Business League
upon the Booker Washington
plan to foster business venture
among colored people; in these
meetings, from time to time,
supported by a small stipend
of membership, talk business,
link business, and plan new

business.

Those who feel that a news-
paper can be made a success,
let such get together on such a
proposition. Those who have
an idea of a clothing store bus-
iness, let them get together
on that, and so on.

But let the big league meet
from time to time and hear re-
ports from those in business, so
that the weak and struggling
can hear suggestions and im-
prove thereby.

We cannot endorse the idea
of a mighty syndicate gobbling
up what little business the Ne-
groes are now doing. We have
a newspaper plant, we have a
clothing store, we have a gro-
cery store, we have first-class
shoemakers who know the shoe
business already. Why not first
put these on a substantial basis,
then add to the list all the new
lines practical?

This is not the day of trust
development. Big corporations
are being dissolved in favor of
small, struggling business en-
terprises. The tendency of
things is to give every man
who is entitled to life a living
chance. The STANDARD, too,
pleads for continued existence,
and there are others also.

We need a business league in
Lexington, so that when our
local standing delegate, who is
a member of the National Com-
mittee, goes off to the National
meeting presided over by Dr.
Booker Washington, he will
really represent something defi-
nite.

It has been fully ten years
since our local league disband-
ed, and not since—just prior to
the visit of Dr. Washington
here at that time has an effort
been made to revive it. What
is the reason it can't be revived
now? Prior to the 'possum
supper that was thought to be
the object of that call, but instead we
have the embryo of a syndicate
that would monopolize every
Negro business possibility in
the city. Can it stand? Will
it stand?

The STANDARD thinks the
plan should be revised.

RESOLUTIONS

On Death of H. E. Seymour, By
Officers of the Constitution
St. Christian Church

At a meeting of the Elders and
Deacons of the Constitution
Street Christian Church, called
for the purpose of taking such action
as might be appropriate in
reference to the death of Bro. H.
E. Seymour, one of the Elders of
the church, the following resolutions
were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, it has pleased God
the Almighty and All Wise, who
setth the bounds of our habita-
tions and numbereth our days, to
take from us our beloved Brother
in Christ and fellow officer in the
church, who for many years has
been a consistent and active mem-
ber and officer of said church, be-
ing a most liberal contributor to
its support; and whereas it is fit-
ting that one whose life was so
productive of good should be kept
in the memory of the church;
therefore, be it

Resolved, That the death of
Brother H. E. Seymour and his
soul's flight from earth has occa-
sioned a great loss to this congrega-
tion and its board of officers;
that he was in our humble judg-
ment a Christian indeed, and that
in his exemplary life were gathered
a large majority of the noble qual-
ities that characterize the ideal
man; that he was ever loyal and
devoted to the cause of the blessed
Savior, into whose presence we
believe he has found welcome;

Resolved, That the Board of Offi-
cers of this church view with
deepest regret and sincere sorrow
the remains of our dear Bro
Seymour, and hereby express our
heartfelt sympathy and condole-
lance for the bereaved relatives.

Resolved, That we commend
them to Him who doeth all things
for the best, and counsel them to
trust in Him, and weep not as
they who have no hope, for we
are satisfied that the deceased was,
while in life, a true man—true to
his God, true to his church, and
true to himself and friends.

Resolved, That this Board has
lost a most valuable member and
the church a noble Elder whose
place will be difficult to fill.

Resolved, That the C. W. B.
M., the Sunday-school, and every

YOUNG MEN MAKE SUCCESS OF BUSINESS



Mr. Lewis Williams, Jr.

The above is a likeness of
Mr. Lewis Williams, Jr., the
Chicago.

Mr. Williams has been in Lex-
ington three years, first as em-
balmer and general director for
Chenault & Ellis, until July, 1910,
when he formed a partnership and
established an independent firm of
Williams & Reed.

The STANDARD inserts this cut
at this time for no other pur-
pose than to call attention to the
young Negro in business, and to
acquaint our friends of the fact
that all that is good in the race
is not with the fathers.

The subject of this sketch was
born in Versailles, trained in the
schools of Versailles, Frankfort
and Berea.

He chose for his life work the
undertaking profession for which
he especially fitted himself, being a
graduate of Prof. J. H. Clark's
Cincinnati College of Embalming,
in class of 1901, and during his
twelve years' practice has contin-
ued his studies through series of
lectures given by Prof. A. A.
Dodge, of Boston, at Louisville
and Indianapolis, 1902-3; Prof.
Eckels at Louisville and Nash-

ville, 1904-5, and Prof. Barnes of
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Their quarters are well equip-
ped, having six rooms—a morgue,
trimming room, private and gener-
al office. Chapel accommodations
can be readily arranged of three
of the rooms.

Mr. Williams is of a highly in-
telligent turn of mind, and his of-
fice is well stocked with reading
matter—good books, journals and
periodicals of various kinds.

In 1905 in Lexington he made
the principal address on scientific
methods in the profession before
the first meeting of the Colored
Funeral Directors which was held
in this State.

He is an active member of the
First Baptist Church, and is one
of the trustees of the same. He
is also a member of the K. of P.
Lodge, also U. B. F. and Sons
and Daughters

to be educated is increasing
each year.

My special object in calling
attention to this matter is to
impress the ministers, business
men, teachers, and other lead-
ers with the importance of having
comfortable, well-furnished
schoolhouses in every commu-
nity. You will not accomplish
much in the way of education,
no matter how good a teacher
may be secured, without a
good, comfortable schoolhouse.

In many of the cities and
small towns in the South, thou-
sands of children are suffering
for education because there are
not enough schoolhouses in the
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vide for the Negro children.

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I have noted that in some of
the cities nearly one-half of the
colored children are kept out of
school or are in school only
half a day, because of lack of
room. Our race, like other
races, can only secure proper
educational facilities in the cities
by constantly urging their
needs on the proper authorities.

This should be done by every
community and city where the
public school authorities have
the power to do it.

Good schoolhouses will mean
in the future good teachers and
a school term lasting eight or
nine months in the year.

If those who read this com-
munication have not already a
good schoolhouse in their com-
munity, I earnestly beseech
them to begin at once to build
one.

One other thing: Often a
large amount of the money put
into a school building is almost
thrown away because no plan
has been provided for the su-
pervision for the work of erect-
ing it. No matter how inex-
pensive the schoolhouse may be,
care should be taken to get an
architect or some other com-
petent person to draw plans for
the building.

Wherever it is possible, of
course, the public school au-
thorities should be asked to
provide public school facilities in
the South do not attend any
school at all. Unless these

should be asked to provide a

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decent schoolhouse. Where it conditions are speedily changed, banquet board at the Nation's Capital.

"Three cheers for Lewis!"
These were given with a gusto,
that marked the high tide of
the evening's enthusiasm.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama,
Dec. 11, 1911

TO THE STANDARD

Lexington Standard

DANIEL I. REID, Publisher.

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

Umbrellas have a way of finding new owners these days.

China seems to be doing a thorough job of awakening this time.

This is the season when the average janitor is an ardent coal conservationist.

New York is to spend \$30,000,000 on education next year. It needs every cent of it.

Neither electric currents nor one's neighbor's chickens should be allowed to roost at large.

Girls look as though they would have a lot in order to fit their new fangled baggy overcoats.

Meanwhile other shaky dams holding back water that might destroy towns should be braced up.

An amateur has no business trying to fly. Let him hang his hat on a hanger, but don't go near the zero.

Edison is under the fire of the Germans because he says they drink too much beer. He might invent a substitute.

New York's death rate has reached a new low mark. We congratulate that city upon being such a poor place to die in.

A burglar who coughed like a motor cycle robbing a garage. What could he do if he were trying to rob a round house?

Yes, Claribel, as you say, the duke of the Abruzzi must be a very domestic man, since he has been sweeping the seas.

A Massachusetts woman has left her estate to the old maids of her town. How absurd! There are no old maids these days.

Prospects for the rice crop are good, but that does not especially interest the young woman who is soon to become a bride.

The New York man who is trying to compel his wife to marry her affinity has evidently made a study of the refinements of cruelty.

An 1804 dollar, lurking around Chicago, is said to be worth \$650. There are times when a dollar is worth more than that.

For \$10,000 an Indianapolis man is pushing a wheelbarrow around the country from capital to capital. How does this assist the uplift?

It was polite of Togo to give his gift horse to the emperor instead of to the elevator man, to whom so many American hand their gift cigars.

The office boy's relatives will now regain their health for a few months, the frequent reports of their deauns having been grossly exaggerated.

Your plain citizen will do little aviating across the country so long as the necessity remains for private trains in the immediate background.

New York courts have sent to the penitentiary a farmer who recorded a horse race bet. It is better for the amateurs to leave these affairs to the professionals.

Those Harvard astronomers who have discovered a new comet should have waited for a more opportune moment. There is too much real news in the papers these days.

Brooks' comet is now moving away from the earth. It can still be seen by the naked eye in rear elevation. It has a fuzzy tail and looks like a two-cent star that has got smudged.

Earle Ovington is going to try to carry mail by airplane from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. It is hoped that he will assume no needless risks by reading post-cards on the way.

It is reported that women are going to wear smaller hats this winter. The milliners must have discovered that some of the women had big hats that were as good as new left over from last winter.

The hoop skirt has appeared in Paris, and the first one seen on the streets created quite as much of a sensation as the first hobbie skirt, and doubtless will be quite as strongly denounced. It has been so long gone that not even the memory of the good old times can save it. In fact, if it is imported as a fashion, it will be so new as probably to receive more reprobative attention than even election frauds.

When a sculptor says that a Boston statue of Psyche needs more clothes he does not reflect upon the decorative value of the Psyche knot. He merely calls attention to its inadequacy.

As the bath tub is the great symbol of civilization, and as those nations who make the most use of it are the most progressive, it is gratifying to note that the mission Indian in southern California is coming under the uplifting influence of the bath tub; he is using it for a bed.

Friends of Diaz are reported to be plotting for the purpose of restoring him to power in Mexico. Why can't they, since he has succeeded in getting away from trouble, let the poor old man alone?

An English inventor is working on a wireless telephone which will enable one to talk any distance. Moreover, when perfected a man can carry one in his pocket and be right in touch with his house or office wherever he goes. When then will be the use of ever going away?

AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

CANADA'S CENSUS

A THIRTY-TWO PER CENT INCREASE IN THE PAST TEN YEARS.

That Canada has come rapidly to the front in the past ten years is amply shown in the results of the census recently made public. The population of the Dominion is now placed at 4,081,600, which with outlying points to be heard from, may bring it up to 5,371,315 in 1901. Though these figures are large, they do not present a total as large as was expected but they do show a greater increase of percentage in population for the decade than any similar increase in the United States. The highest percentage ever reached by the Republic was 24%; the percentage of increase in Canada for the decade is 32%. Thus it will be seen that the provinces west of the lakes, with the great broad fertile acres ready for the sowing and immediate reaping of grain and the Valleys of British Columbia capable of producing fruit with which to supply its neighboring provinces east of the mountains, have attracted numbers, which has exceeded the most optimistic of the expectations of ten years ago.

The avenues of education are open to you. Much of the employment is given you and vast opportunities await you who make the best of it.

Stay out of the north and remain in the southland, where myriads of chances await you who will prepare yourselves. The southern negro is branching out into every available business. He is becoming wealthy and is preparing the way for our young men, if they will prepare themselves for the positions.

Morality and Christianity must be practiced extensively among the young men. They must organize Bible classes, libraries, debating societies, gymnasiums, etc., which tend to develop the individual morally, mentally and physically and lead him to follow a quiet, beneficial and intelligent life.

There must be some training along these lines to the extent that it may become hereditary in generations to come. When we follow these principles, we are following good factors of benefit to the race in every respect.

We will diminish the number of our boys in the chain gang, put a ban on excessive immorality and renovate our intelligent action, uncultured minds.

There are many young men who, by misfortune, are thrown into poor circumstances and have not the chance to acquire an education. This is a pitiable case and should be remedied, and the only remedy to his condition is compact association which brings about sympathy and aid for him and awakens the spirit and manhood in him to acquire some knowledge of a course of learning.

Take heed, help your fellow man, and build stronger men intellectually, physically and morally.—Palestine Plaindealer.

"The Chronicle is glad to welcome Booker T. Washington to Houston, and feels that he will be extended a courteous and befitting greeting by men of all races.

"He has, by his own unaided efforts, risen from a position of poverty and humility to one of commanding influence. He has wrought a great work for the people of his race, and has, by both precept and example, sought to lead them into the paths of nobler and more useful living.

"He has recognized that to train the young negro properly he must train not only his head and his memory, but his hands and his heart. There are many worthy people of the negro race in Houston, and they will give the great representative of their race a welcome befitting his worth.

"Major Rice, by participating in the ceremonies of the evening in his capacity of chief executive of the city, does a graceful and commendable act. It will show to those who seem so greatly to misunderstand the feeling of the southern people towards the negro that under all proper circumstances and to the limits which social propriety permits the southern man is always ready to help the negro and to encourage him in his efforts to rise in the world."—Editorial, Houston (Tex.) Chronicle.

Out at Boley, the all-negro Oklahoman town, an old-time barbecue was given a few weeks ago in order to promote good feeling and good will generally. Indians from the surrounding country were invited, and came in large numbers. After dinner had been served the speaking began on the part of Indian and negro orators.

"One Indian seemed to voice the sentiment of his people towards negroes in a speech which follows:

"Indian always friend to black man. Red man and black man get well together. Red man he owns much land. Colored man he make his field make much cotton, much corn. Red man gets his share without law suit, no trouble with black man. He good to work to pay lease. Red man has plenty to land, he want colored man to work his land. Indian man he wants to buy Indians' land. Make big bargain, take land way from Red man. Indian wants colored man to work his land and make big field for squaw and papoose."

"Rich man he get behind Red man and the Red man he make way for him; Red man he lead black man follow, and Red man take him through all right."

Bishop George Blackwell, one of Zion's ablest bishops, is very pronounced against a growing evil in the ministry amongst us, that of spurious titles from spurious and fake schools.

He rather decries the prevailing practice and thinks the time has come to denounce the schools and the men. To which we add our most emphatic Amen! Away with fakers in every profession amongst us!—Mobile Press.

Plant that small plot of land in truck next year and realize something.

It is somewhat disgusting to see some of our young men so extreme.

We saw two youths, dudes you may say, walking down the streets with enough cloth in their trousers to make a Roman gladiator a suit. There is a class of our people who go to the extreme in every respect. Boys, clothes don't make men. It takes something in your head and the dough, dough—Palestine Plaindealer.

Strive to attain something in a life's time commendable to your people to be recorded in their annals.

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The love of the beautiful is becoming not only the possession of the rich, but the desire and possession of the very poor.—Rt. Hon. John Burns.

A woman may not be able to make a fool of every man she meets, but she can make something just as good.

For the last time. Do you mind if I kick the bowl?

"Not a bit," said the small boy.

"You mean that? Do you mind if I kick the bowl?"

"Not a bit."

"For the last time. Do you mind if I kick the bowl?"

"One's point of view is as much a matter of bank account as of mental worth."

ASSISTANCE FOR NEGROES

Board of Education Endorses Denominational School at Augusta, Ga.

BISHOP E. E. HOSS TALKS

"NOT OPPOSING THE INTER-CHURCH COLLEGE, BUT PREFER WORK WITHIN OUR CHURCH," SAYS THE BISHOP.

Nashville, Tenn.—"No, we are not opposing the Interchurch college, we are simply taking the position that all the work which is done by our church for the colored teachers and preachers should be done through the agencies of the church and not through any independent or alien, instrumentality."

This is the statement made by Bishop E. E. Hoss in answer to a question as to whether or not the Methodist Episcopal church, South, is opposing the American Interchurch college in its relation to social and religious training among the colored people.

A called meeting of the executive board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of which Bishop Hoss is a member, was held yesterday afternoon at the office of Dr. Percy Maddin, also a member, and resolutions were adopted indorsing Paine college in Augusta, Ga., and the administration of the present officials was strongly commended.

A communication from the board of missions was read in reference to the enlargement of the facilities for training colored preachers in Paine college and such additional facilities are thoroughly approved by the executive committee.

Similar action was taken by a special committee appointed for the purpose of determining the policy of the church in regard to the training of negro teachers and preachers. This special committee met yesterday also, the meeting being held at the publishing house and Paine college was indorsed unanimously.

This committee consisted of Bishop J. H. McCoy, Dr. J. D. Hammond, Senator John H. Sherard, Dr. John M. Moore and Mrs. MacDonald. Sitting with the committee by special invitation yesterday were Dr. E. B. Chappell of the Sunday school board and Mr. Stonewall Anderson, secretary of the board of education.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was an account given by Senator Sherard of a visit to Mound Bayou, Miss., where the entire population is colored. The visit of Senator Sherard was greatly appreciated and a paper expressing this appreciation embodied the statement that there was an urgent need of sermons from the white ministers of the southern Methodist church.

It was the sense of the committee expressed in a resolution offered by Doctor Moore, that the Methodist Episcopal church, South, should operate through the Colored Methodist Episcopal church directly in all its efforts toward social and religious training of the negro, and in all other lines of work, but that the advantages offered by the church should also be open to the people of other colored churches, and especially to the Colored Methodist churches. This resolution was adopted.

The committee will also recommend that the trustees of Paine college in Augusta, Ga., be respectfully asked to give consideration to the advisability of enlarging the department for the training of preachers at Paine college and of establishing a correspondence school for colored preachers in the board of education.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"In view of the need of enlarging the work of Paine college in several directions, it is recommended that we request the board of education to consider the matter of authorizing the president of Paine college to set about raising immediately an endowment for the college. Assured of raising funds for current expenses, it was also recommended that the board of missions give its hearty endorsement and pledge its support to such a movement.

"Resolved, That the secretaries of the home department take steps looking to the holding of Sunday school institutes among the colored people, and that as a means to this end, the services of Doctor Chappell and his assistants be secured in the enlistment of the general Sunday school board and of the conference Sunday school boards in this work."

The question of employing young women, and others, in training Sunday school teachers in the cities was discussed, and the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that specially equipped and well-trained persons be employed by the home department of the board of missions to teach and train groups of colored Methodist Sunday school teachers in the cities; and,

"Resolved, That this committee call attention to those pastors and city mission boards that employ deacons and other trained workers to the opportunity which they have in them to help in the development of the religious and moral life of the negroes, and to arrange for such use of them.

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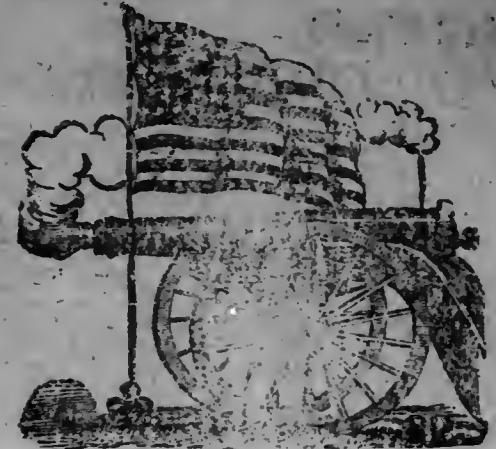
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This is evidently the time for the young men to come forward and take upon themselves the responsibilities that mark the good citizen. There are a goodly number now in business or following profitable trades here in this city who are doing well, rearing families and securing homes.

Such should be made mention of and thus be given the encouragement that comes of kindly notice taken and which is as helpful as the milestones along the way or the clock that marks the hour of day.

With all due deference for our seniors we feel that they need not fear to lend all possible aid to our young men. A few months ago an effort was made to establish for the colored people a Y.M.C.A. and erect a building. It struggled but finally gave up. In a short while another move will be made in the same direction. What will be the attitude of the fathers at this time remains to be seen.

Let us not abuse our opportunities. All must share alike the failures as readily as to claim the benefits from public enterprises.

At a meeting of Emancipation Celebration Committee, held at the residence of Mrs. M. S. Blackburn Thursday night, a program was arranged and placed selected to hold the local celebration of the 49th anniversary of Negro emancipation in the U. S. A.

A strong program will be presented, and the past achievements, present condition, and the future outlook will be discussed by Rev. R. E. Hathaway, representing the soldiers, and Rev. W. Augustus Jones for the citizens.

A mammoth parade of all the uniform lodges in the city, headed by Hanilton's Military Band, is hoped, will add a new and interesting feature to the o. d. soldiers' annual dirge upon this occasion.

A committee on place of meeting was given permanent form, and this committee is to hold itself in readiness to find ample accommodations if prospects for an overflow meeting present themselves, and any danger of a congestion is apparent.

It is hoped that the celebration this year will eclipse all former records. It is laid upon the lines

of local benefits and local interest from every iota of personal enhancement or petty fears.

Mr. H. A. Tandy has been assigned the complete charge of all musical arrangements, and this in itself is a guarantee that this feature will be well cared for.

Following is the program:

Reading Proclamation, by Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, for Women's Relief Corps.
Solo, by Miss Josephine Lee, for Auxiliary Sons of Veterans.
Paper, by Mrs. Mary Thompson.
Remarks, by Mr. Wm. Simpson.
Dr. W. H. BALLARD, Pres.
Mrs. M. S. BLACKBURN, Acting Secy.

ST. ANDREW'S NOTES

An informal reception was given in honor of Rev. J. M. Mundy Thursday evening at the residence of Miss Margaret Hummers. A general invitation was extended to all friends of St. Andrew's church.

The evening was greatly enjoyed. Between forty and fifty guests were present.

The Kindergarten of St. Andrew's Church will give an entertainment at Ladies' Hall on Tuesday night, December 19. Admission 10 cents.

Rev. J. M. Mundy returned to his home in Henderson, Ky., Friday after a very successful ten days' mission at St. Andrews Church.

FIRST BAPTIST NOTES

There was a mortgage burning at the First Baptist Church last Sunday night. The church is now entirely free from the old debt that embarrassed the work at the time when the present pastor, Rev. W. Augustus Jones, was called to take charge.

The Beta Philathena Class will listen to their annual sermon preached this year by Rev. E. A. Clarke, of the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, on Sunday December 24, at 2:30 p. m. All are invited to be present to hear his message.

The new calendar for the First Baptist Church for the year 1912 have been received and are now ready for distribution. They are more attractive than any used before showing an interesting cut of the pastor and a brief history of the church and other valued information.

Rev. W. A. Jones and Rev. E. L. Baskerville were the first to respond to the Standard's call giving special invitation to our citizens to make contribution of news, clippings or discourse for publication from time to time. These gentlemen and good citizens are leaders of leaders. Some men know for themselves what they should do. Others are born to follow and though they occupy places of leadership yet they are passive and belong to that class that usually say afterward "I told you so".

"Tell Them"

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Great Banquet

Continued from page 1
ratitude of Jesus of Nazareth and the twelve disciples made possible our glorious Christian civilization.

"The evolution of true human democracy and human brotherhood has been going on for centuries, and the process is still going on, and will continue until everywhere in the world over, man to man, a brother shall be for a' that, for a' that. The time will come when the world will little care for the man of race or color, but will rate him just in proportion as he has made his life useful and honorable and has contributed to the smallest degree to the progress and uplift of Christianity.

"This banquet, this honor, Mr. Toastmaster, I cannot take and will not take as purely personal. It was meant as much for the office as the man. The high honor of which I hold the mere naked title was meant for you, and the words of our President, 'as a recognition of the progress of the race and an encouragement for the future,' I am only the conduit, a mere accident.

"I have only one ambition—so to administer the office as to justify the President's selection and the bestowal of this honor upon our race, and so to act in all things as not only not to reflect any discredit upon the administration and the race and country, but to reflect the highest possible credit there may be in my humble ability.

"I ask you to rise and drink the toast to the President of the United States, our country and our cause."

Chairman Charles Hall read the following letter from President Taft:

THE WHITE HOUSE.
Washington, Nov. 27, 1911.
Mr. Chas. E. Hall,
Chm. Ex. Committee,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

The President has asked me to thank you warmly for the kind invitation which you extend to him in your letter of November 22d and to assure you of his appreciation of your courtesy. While he regrets that he will not be able to be present at the banquet which is being tendered to Assistant Attorney General Lewis to-night, the President would be glad to have you convey his good wishes to the guest of honor and those assembled in compliment to him, and give expression to his hope that all may have a most enjoyable evening.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed)
CHARLES D. HILLES,
Secretary to the President.

Chairman Hall also read the following letter from Attorney General Wickersham:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.
Washington, Nov. 24, 1911.
Charles E. Hall, Esq.
Chairman Ex. Committee

617 U Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am gratified to learn that a reception and banquet is to be tendered to Assistant Attorney General Lewis next Monday evening.

This recognition of Mr. Lewis is well merited, as his appointment is perhaps the most distinguished selection of one of his race that has been made for any public office in the United States. The position of Assistant Attorney General is one of great dignity and responsibility, which Mr. Lewis' connection with the Government in the past has furnished assurances will be fully met and discharged by him. I beg that you will allow me to add my best wishes to the many greetings that will be given him at your banquet, and to express the great interest which I have ever felt in the welfare of the race of which he is so eminent a representative.

Faithfully yours,
(Signed)

GEO. W. WICKERSHAM,
Attorney General.

Dr. Booker T. Washington sent a telegram regretting that he could not be present on account of a previous engagement, and Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson likewise sent his regrets, being detained in Atlanta on important legal business.

Failure of the gas

Friday and Saturday

caused the STAN-

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ing to press.

CHICAGO NEGROES

Making Better Progress than Those Elsewhere in the Country.

Many writers have advanced theories and reasons for so-called race question conditions. The subject has been studied in every section of America with but little success, for the very reason that humanity is not subject to rules, but responds only to the primal laws of nature.

The Negro, being after all a human being, has simply ascribed such knowledge as has been offered him in the different communities in which he happened to have his being. For this reason Chicago and the surrounding territory have shown more advance than any other portion of the United States. Chicago's great industrial institutions needed labor. During the period between 1870 and 1890 immigration from the South responded to the call. The Negro who came worked side by side with the foreign-born laborer under supervision of Yankee bosses. From the one he learned by actual contact how to work steadily, how to use his wages thrifly, the beauties of a home, and a definite system of savings. From the latter he acquired a true knowledge of the word liberty, a proper dignity, and a manly bearing.

The Chicago stock yards have been responsible for more Negroes becoming taxpayers than any other institution in this land, excepting possibly the Pullman company. Contrast the horizon of these men with that of Eastern Negroes, nearly always servants at hotels, clubs or homes, where the nature of their employment brought to their view nothing but ease, splendor of garment, surroundings and extravagance. The Eastern "boy" saw "Mr. George" during his hours of recreation and imitated him. He saw the top of society's structure without knowing of its foundation, as did the Chicago boy. Without that influence and without the paternalism of the Southland, the Chicago Negro developed a business ability based upon economy and willingness to work.

These seemed to be the foundations upon which is built Chicago's black citizenship.

Another primitive law prevails there. That is "Birds of feather," etc. Notwithstanding any restaurant in town will serve a Negro, none need to, for in that territory, between Twelfth and Fifteenth Streets, along Wabash, State, Dearborn and Armour, can be duplicated—any downtown restaurant's bill of fare. State Street has its Pekin Theater, as well as several smaller ones, its bank of \$200,000 capitalization, real estate, concerns, department stores, hotels, small shops, even its own colony of artists, an incorporated concern that does a mail order business, its lodges that own their buildings and its churches their own edifices. A steam laundry is owned and operated by an individual. As a purely industrial matter I can mention 35 saloons owned outright by Negroes and catering to their own trade. And the whiskey business is not out of proportion to the other lines of business.

Dentists, physicians and attorneys are plentiful and average well.

As I said before, this business and professional structure rests upon a solid foundation of labor. Asphalt paving gangs and railway construction gangs send into Chicago to their families twenty-two hundred and fifty million dollars per year. The stock yards concerns get blank receipts for over six hundred dollars annually.

Railways out of Chicago send to the State Street merchants a half million in hard-earned wages via Negro employees.

With such an industrial showing and paying taxes on two million dollars' worth of property, owning five hundred thousand dollars' worth of stock in these corporations of their own, it is really no surprise that the Negro is more in evidence in public service in Chicago than anywhere else in this country.

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Urge His People to Help One Another

EDITOR OF THE STANDARD:
The political contest is now over. I hope now to see what, if anything, will come to the Negro from either party. Under the Republican State administration, please inform me, what more was given to him than under the Democratic administration? Please enumerate.

Well, I believe, "To the victor be the spoils." By thus acting all will know exactly where we are. As it is, there is no certainty.

I know there is great "talk" about taking this and that out of politics, but what good does that do? If by taking a certain measure out of politics, more good will result, and there will be fairness to all. I say then take out of politics. But if by so doing "all things continue as they were," then I again say "To the victor belongs the spoils."

When this is applied, I feel confident that more good will result to the Negro, especially. As it is, he gets but little either way matters go, because he does not make himself felt.

I know, dear sir, that some fear "Negro domination" etc., but to all fair-minded people it is apparent that this is only manifest weakness of those who cry such when everyone can see that they have all on their side—numbers, power and means.

Please let me know what you are going to do about keeping up the STANDARD. Why do you not send it to me regularly as you used to do, and as you ought?

You must not forget that "We" talk a great deal about "race pride, race pride," but when we come to doing it, showing it, "we pass by on the other side." Now please inform me which you prefer, the talking man and those who do nothing or very little to help their race, or the people who do little talking about race pride but show theirs by supporting same and helping in every way they can?

Now, dear sir, please take suggestion. If you expect to make your paper a success, cease waiting for others to join in and help you, but throw yourself into your paper and go ahead.

Be assured of this: That I will give you my support.

As a people we are too much like the crab instinct. We do not like to see one another succeed. Unless you are of my lodge, church or order, or a member of everything I get up, I will not do anything to help you, but I will give my work, thereby my means, to help the other races, so that they may continue to give respectable employment not to our children, etc., and keep you only hewers of wood and drawers of water.

It is time now that we become a right race thinking people, and begin at least, to act for our best good, then for the community. This the other races are doing; this we must do. This done, then they will have greater respect for us.

Now remember that I am here.

If you have any work in my business, give me an opportunity to do it for you. If this be done then

there will be no just complaint. But for you or any of us to talk race pride, and then act to the contrary, it is only down-right hypocrisy.

Yours for the good of the race,

J. ALEXANDER CHILES.

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